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## Programme of meetings and agenda

## Official meetings

**Wednesday, 13 September 2006**

### Security Council

10 a.m. — 5522nd meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (S/2006/707)

**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism**

3 p.m. — 170th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 7

### General Assembly

Sixty-first session

4 p.m. — 2nd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/61/250)

### General Assembly

**Committee on Conferences**

Substantive session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. — 478th meeting — Conference Room 5

Translation and interpretation-related matters [4]

(continued overleaf)

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3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

[The report on agenda item 4 is contained in document A/61/129.]

[*Note*: In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, and amended in paragraph 10 of A/56/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers are invited to send a request in writing to Ms. Jane Pittson-Chianese, Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (fax 1 (212) 963-7405; e-mail pittson@un.org).]

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Board of Auditors
2. Construction of additional office facilities at the ECA in Addis Ababa
3. Construction of additional conference facilities at the Vienna International Centre
4. Standards of accommodation for air travel

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund**

Second regular session for 2006

10 a.m.–12 noon 5th meeting Conference Room 2

*UNFPA segment*

1. UNFPA role and action in emergency preparedness, humanitarian response, and transition and recovery (DP/FPA/2006/14) [10]
2. Country programmes and related matters (DP/FPA/DCP/DZA/4, DP/FPA/DCP/CAF/6, DP/FPA/DCP/ERI/3, DP/FPA/DCP/GAB/5, DP/FPA/DCP/GMB/6, DP/FPA/DCP/SEN/6, DP/FPA/DCP/ZAF/3, DP/FPA/DCP/TZA/6, DP/FPA/DCP/ZMB/6, DP/FPA/DCP/ZWE/5, DP/FPA/DCP/PRK/4, DP/FPA/DCP/LAO/4, DP/FPA/DCP/MNG/4, DP/FPA/DCP/MNR/2, DP/FPA/DCP/BRA/4, DP/FPA/DCP/DOM/4, DP/FPA/DCP/SLV/6, DP/FPA/DCP/CAR/4, DP/FPA/DCP/HND/6, DP/FPA/DCP/PAN/1, DP/FPA/DCP/PRY/6 and DP/FPA/DCP/URY/1) [11]

12 noon–1 p.m. Conference Room 2

*Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment*

Presentation by the United Nations Board of Auditors (by video-conference)

Report on the audited financial statements (2004-2005) of UNDP, UNFPA, UNFPA and UNOPS (decision 2005/19: UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS)

Report on internal audit and oversight

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| 1–1.30 p.m. | | Informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 2 |
| | | Informal consultations on draft decisions | |
| 3–6 p.m. | | 6th meeting | Conference Room 2 |
| | 1. | United Nations Office for Project Services (DP/2006/45) | [5] |
| | 2. | Field visits (DP/FPA/2006/CRP.2-E/ICEF/2006/CRP.16) | [8] |
| | 3. | UNFPA informal briefing on the Global Programme to Enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security | |
| | 4. | Other matters | [12] |
| | | Adoption of pending decisions | |
| | 5. | Organizational matters | [1] |
| | | Draft work plan for 2007 | |
| | | Tentative work plan for the first regular session 2007 | |

[*Note*: During the session, the Group of Western European and Other States will meet daily at 9 a.m. in Conference Room B.]

## General Assembly

**Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf**
Eighteenth session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 13 September 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratory 2 (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

## Other meetings

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**Wednesday, 13 September 2006**

**UNITAR briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly: General briefing on the work of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly**

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| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |
| 3–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

**Briefing for delegations on the Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation and on the proposed International Year of Sanitation, 2008 (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Egypt, France, Germany, Italy and Japan, with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)**

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

**Coordination meeting of the South American Conference on International Migration and Development (organized by the Permanent Mission of Paraguay)**

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

## Other activities

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**Wednesday, 13 September 2006**

**Side events — High-level Meeting on the midterm review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010**

**On "Weather, climate and water for development and disaster mitigation in LDCs" (organized by WMO, ISDR Secretariat and UN-OHRLLS)**

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Zamba Batjargal (tel. 1 (212) 963-9444; e-mail batjargal@un.org).]

**On "Promoting education for all in the least developed countries" (organized by UNESCO and UN-OHRLLS)**

From 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Xuesong Shen (tel. 1 (212) 963-5986; e-mail shen2@un.org).]

**On "Integrating least developed countries into the world economy through telecommunications/ICT" (organized by ITU and UN-OHRLLS)**

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Cosmas Zavazava (tel. +41-22-730-5447; e-mail cosmas.zavazava@itu.int).]

**Side events — High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development**

**On "Female migrants" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM))**

From 9.30 to 11 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Nami Takashi (tel. 1 (212) 297-5116; e-mail takashi@unfpa.org).]

**On "The human dignity of women in contemporary society: Issues and best practices in migration and refugee services" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See)**

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

[For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (tel. 1 (212) 370-7885).]

**On "The Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime: A regional consultative process in the Asia-Pacific and beyond" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Indonesia)**

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Fiona Guthrie (tel. 1 (212) 351-6634; e-mail fiona.guthrie@dfat.gov.au); or Mr. Andre Siregar (tel. 1 (212) 972-8333; e-mail aosny04@yahoo.com).]

**On "The regional dimension of international migration and development" (organized by the Regional Commissions New York Office and the International Organization for Migration (IOM))**

From 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[For further information, please contact the Regional Commissions New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-6905); or the IOM Office (tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 212).]

## Press conferences

*The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.*

**Wednesday, 13 September 2006**

*Room S-226*

10.30 a.m. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations

1 p.m. Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (on the importance of meteorological services for least developed countries)

# Forthcoming official meetings

**Thursday, 14 September 2006**

## General Assembly

Sixty-first session

**High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development**

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|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
| 3–6 p.m. | Plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
| | International migration and development | [54 (b)] |
| | (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/60/871) | |
| | (b) Note by the President of the General Assembly (A/61/187) | |

**Round table 1**

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|---|---|---|
| 3–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |
| | Effects of international migration on economic and social development | |
| | Chaired by H.E. Ms. Tarja Filatov, Minister of Labour of Finland | |

**Round table 2**

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|---|---|---|
| 3–6 p.m. | Closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |
| | Measures to ensure respect for and protection of the human rights of all migrants, and to prevent and combat smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons | |
| | Chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Lainez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador | |

[*Note*: The provisional list of speakers for the High-level Dialogue (No 2) is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B).]

## Main Committees

**First Committee**

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 28 September 2006, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (A/60/524, Annexes).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 2, to Monday, 9 October 2006. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact the secretariat of the First Committee (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee, c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org).

## Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 28 September 2006, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work (A/C.4/61/1[1], A/C.4/61/L.1[1], A/C.4/61/INF/1[1]) and an aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/06)[2].

The Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 2 October, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 2 October (see document A/C.4/61/L.1)[1] are kindly requested to notify Ms. Irina Bazarya (room S-2977J; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail bazarya@un.org). Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1] To be issued.

[2] To be distributed at the 1st meeting, on 28 September.

## Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its 1st meeting on Wednesday, 20 September 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to consider its proposed organization of work, as contained in document A/C.2/61/L.1[1].

*General debate*

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2006, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, will make a statement.

*List of speakers*

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee will be open for inscription on Monday, 18 September 2006. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted to Ms. Vivian Pliner, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

[1] To be issued.

## Third Committee

*Informal briefing*

Pursuant to paragraph 3 (h) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Chairman of the Third Committee for the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Hamid Al Bayati (Iraq), will hold an informal briefing on the Committee's organization of work on Friday, 15 September 2006, at 1.15 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The provisional programme of work of the Third Committee is contained in document A/C.3/61/L.1.

*List of speakers*

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will open on Monday, 18 September.

*Participants*

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

## Economic and Social Council

**Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific**
Bangkok, 18–22 September 2006

In accordance with the Economic and Social Council decision 2004/304 of 23 July 2004, the Seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand, from 18 to 22 September 2006. *On Monday, 18 September 2006, the registration for participants will begin at 8 a.m., and the official opening of the Conference will be at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.*

The provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the Conference has been issued in document E/CONF.97/1. In preparation for the Conference, delegations are invited to review the documentation and other background information available on the following Web site: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/17thunrcapdocuments.htm>.

Delegations are advised that all meeting documents, including country report papers and technical papers received before the opening of the Conference, will be posted on the above Web site. The participants are also requested to print their own copies of papers from the Web site and bring them to the conference room. For participants from countries that experience difficulties with Internet access, please advise the United Nations Secretariat in advance so that paper copies can be made available during the Conference upon request. Requests of technical and substantive nature can be addressed to Mr. Amor Laaribi, Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-3042; fax 1 (212) 963-9851; e-mail laaribi@un.org).

**General Assembly**
Sixty-first session

*High-level Meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (18–19 September 2006)*

The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) for the High-level Meeting is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) has also been sent by facsimile to the Permanent Missions.

Delegations are reminded that there is a 5-minute time limit for the statements.

[*Note:* On Tuesday, 19 September, the High-level Meeting will be convened in plenary only for one hour to adopt the outcome document.]

## General Assembly

Sixty-first session

*General debate (19–22, 25–29 September 2006)*

The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) for the general debate of the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 2) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

## Special ceremonies

On Monday, 18 September 2006, at 9.45 a.m., there will be a wreath-laying ceremony commemorating the forty-fifth anniversary of the death of Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1953 to 1961, and of those who accompanied him on his last mission of peace. The wreath will be laid by the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, in the Visitors' Lobby outside the Meditation Room.

On the occasion of the International Day of Peace, the Secretary-General will ring the Peace Bell, at a ceremony to be held on Thursday, 21 September 2006, at 9.30 a.m., in the Japanese Garden in front of the United Nations conference building. The Secretary-General will deliver a message of peace and call to observe a minute of silence on that occasion.

All members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend both ceremonies and are expected to gather at the site fifteen minutes prior to the event.

## Other forthcoming meetings

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**UNITAR briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly**

**General briefing on the work of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly** (*Thursday, 14 September 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber);

**Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee** (*Friday, 15 September 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber);

**Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee** (*Friday, 15 September 2006*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber); and

**Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee** (*Monday, 18 September 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6).

**Asian Group (monthly meeting)**

*Thursday, 14 September 2006*, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

**Briefing by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on UNCTAD's *Trade and Development Report 2006***

*Thursday, 14 September 2006*, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

**African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters**

*Friday, 15 September 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

**Briefing on "Developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of Legal Affairs)**

*Monday, 2 October 2006*, from10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

*Tuesday, 3 October* 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196 or 963-9684; e-mail info@unitarny.org).]

## Other forthcoming activities

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**Side events — High-level Meeting on the midterm review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010**

*Thursday, 14 September 2006*

**On "Natural resources and development — The case of African LDCs" (organized by OSAA and UN-OHRLLS)**

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Willa Liburd (tel. 1 (917) 367-2147; e-mail liburd@un.org).]

*Friday, 15 September 2006*

**On "Role of parliaments in building good governance in the LDCs" (organized by IPU and UN-OHRLLS)**

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Alessandro Motter (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail am@mail.ipu.org).]

**On "*FDI in Least Developed Countries at a Glance* (2005-2006)" (organized by UNCTAD)**

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

*Monday, 18 September 2006*

**High-level round table on LDCs (organized by UNECA, UNESCAP and UN-OHRLLS)**

From 8.30 to 9.45 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[For further information, please contact the Regional Commissions New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-2348; e-mail: silvern@un.org).]

*Monday, 18, and Tuesday, 19 September 2006* (First basement foyer)

**LDCs exhibition on "Redeeming the commitment" (organized by UN-OHRLLS and UNDP)**

[For further information, please contact Mr. Ricardo Dunn (tel. 1 (917) 367-2471; e-mail dunn@un.org).]

*Tuesday, 19 September 2006*

**High-level round table on LDCs (organized by UNCTAD)**

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

**Side events — High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development**

*Thursday, 14 September 2006*

**On "Migration from a human rights perspective" (organized by Migrants Rights International and sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)**

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Ajida Ally (tel. 1 (408) 966-2135; e-mail migrantsrightsinternational@gmail.com).]

*Friday, 15 September 2006*

**On "International Migration and Development Initiative" (organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM))**

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please visit <www.un.int/iom/IMDI%20event.html>; or contact Ms. Amy Muedin (tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 212; e-mail amuedin@iom.int).]

**Roundtable discussion on "The United Nations and the response to genocide" (organized by the Holocaust and the United Nations outreach programme of the Department of Public Information)**

*Thursday, 14 September 2006*, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Kimberly Mann (tel. (1 212) 963-6835; e-mail mann@un.org).]

## Announcements

**Security Council**

**Daily informal briefings**

As from Wednesday, 6 September 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

**Recorded information**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

**Prepared statements**

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

**UNITAR Continued IT Education (CITE) Project (on-line computer skills training for New York-based diplomats)**

The deadline for registration is *Friday, 15 September 2006*. For further information, please contact Ms. Amy Weesner, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-3021); or visit <www.unitarny.org/en/cite.html>.

# Summary of official meetings

**Monday, 11 September 2006**

## General Assembly

**Committee on Conferences**
Substantive session

475th-476th meetings

The 2006 substantive session of the Committee on Conferences was opened by the Chairman.

*Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters* [1]

The proposed order of the consideration of the agenda items for the 2006 substantive session, as contained in document A/AC.172/2006/1, was approved by the Committee.

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management made a statement and introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences (A/61/129).

Statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, Nepal and the Russian Federation.

*Adoption of the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2007* [2 (a)]

*Requests for exceptions in section I, paragraph 7, of the General Assembly resolution 40/243* [2 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Nepal and Mexico.

*Meetings management/improved utilization of conference servicing resources and facilities* [3]

*(a) Intersessional departures for 2006 and related matters*

*(b) Meeting statistics of United Nations organs, and consultations with/letters to bodies concerning utilization of the conference services available to them*

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Jamaica and the Russian Federation.

*(c) Provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States*

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Jamaica, Romania and the Russian Federation.

*(d) Improved utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi*

Statements were made by the representatives of the Secretariat, Egypt, Jamaica, Kenya, Nepal and the Syrian Arab Republic.

(e) *Improved utilization of the conference centre at the Economic Commission for Africa*

Statements were made by the representatives of the Secretariat, Jamaica and Kenya.

**Tuesday, 12 September 2006**

## Security Council

5521st meeting

*The situation in Afghanistan*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2006/723, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2006/723) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution (S/2006/723) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1707 (2006).*

## General Assembly

Sixty-first session

1st plenary meeting

*Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly*

The President, Her Excellency Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa (Bahrain), declared the sixty-first session opened.

*Minute of silent prayer or meditation*

The General Assembly observed one minute of silent prayer or meditation.

*Tribute to the memory of His Majesty King Taufa'ahu Tupou IV, of the Kingdom of Tonga*

The General Assembly observed a minute of silence.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the African States), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Sates), Belarus (on behalf of the Eastern European States), the Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Italy (on behalf of the Western European and other States), the United States (as host country) and Tonga.

*Statement by the President of the General Assembly*

The President made a statement.

*Statements by the regional groups at the opening*

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Sates) and Egypt (on behalf of the African States).

*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/61/310)*

The General Assembly took note of the letter from the Secretary-General concerning 9 Member States which were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the term of Article 19 of the Charter.

*Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee*

On the proposal of the President, the General Assembly appointed nine members of the Credentials Committee: China, Guyana, Kenya, Madagascar, Monaco, Peru, the Russian Federation, Tonga and the United States of America.

*Organization of work of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/61/320)*

The General Assembly decided to authorize the following subsidiary organs of the Assembly listed in the letter of the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences , to meet during the main part of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly: Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, Committee on Relations with the Host Country, Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, United Nations Disarmament Commission, Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities and Committee on Conferences.

### General Committee

1st–2nd meetings — The summary of the 1st and 2nd meetings of the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/177).

## General Assembly

### Committee on Conferences

Substantive session

477th meeting

*Integrated global management/outcome of the work of the task forces* [5]

Statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, the Russian Federation and the Syrian Arab Republic. Questions on the subject of integrated global management were answered by the Secretariat.

*Documentation and publication-related matters* [6]

*(a) Submission, availability and distribution of documentation*

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Egypt, France, Jamaica, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic and the United States.

*Impact of meetings held at Headquarters during the implementation of the Capital Master Plan, Strategy IV (phased approach)* [7]

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Jamaica, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic and the United States. Queries from delegations on the agenda item were responded by the Secretariat.

# Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

### [Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

*Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network, Bangkok, 18 November 2003*

*Ratification*: Kyrgyzstan (30 August 2006)[1]

*United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, Montego Bay, 10 December 1982*

*Ratification*: Belarus (30 August 2006)[1]

*Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, New York, 28 July 1994*

*Accession*: Belarus (30 August 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

*International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966*

*Notification under article 4 (3)*: Guatemala (5 September 2006)[1]

*Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 22 March 1989*

*Territorial application to Akrotiri and Dhekelia*: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (in respect of: Akrotiri and Dhekelia) (6 September 2006)[1]

*Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995*

*Territorial application to Akrotiri and Dhekelia*: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (in respect of: Akrotiri and Dhekelia) (6 September 2006)[1]

**Treaty event**

**Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to Universal Participation**
**Focus 2006: Crossing Borders**

**United Nations Headquarters**
**(13–15 and 19–20 September 2006)**

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events have been held annually at United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000.

The General Assembly has decided to convene a High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development during its sixty-first session. Consistent with the Organization's objectives of consolidating and advancing the international rule of law, and consistent with the High-level Dialogue on international migration and related issues, the theme for the Focus 2006 Treaty Event will be "Crossing Borders".

The Treaty Event will take place in parallel with the High-Level Dialogue at Headquarters as of *today*, 13 September, until Friday, 15 September, and on Tuesday, 19, and Wednesday, 20 September 2006. The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.136.2006 dated 10 February 2006. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the Treaty Event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the Treaty Event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Further information concerning the Focus 2006 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>) and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact Ms. Sherry Holbrook or Mr. Bradford Smith (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

**Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network**
**Jakarta, 12 April 2006**

**Opening for signature**

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

## General information

**Chairmen of regional groups**

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
Egypt
H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz

*Asian States:*
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. M. Javad Zarif

*Eastern European States:*
Belarus
H.E. Mr. Andrei Dapkiunas

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mr. Erasmo Lara-Peña

*Western European and other States:*
Italy
H.E. Mr. Marcello Spatafora

## Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

*With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 September 2006.*

| *Symbol* | *Main title* |
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| **General Assembly** | **Official Records** |
| | **Sixtieth session** |
| A/60/PV.97 | Meeting held on 29 August 2006, 3 p.m. [A E] |
| | **Sixty-first session** |
| A/61/5/Add.4 | United Nations Institute for Training and Research — Financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 2005 and — Report of the Board of Auditors — Supplement No. 5D [A C E F R S] |
| | **General Committee** |
| A/BUR/61/1/Add.1 | Organization of the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items — Memorandum by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |

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| | **Sixtieth session** |
| A/60/971/Add.1 | Item 116 — Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/60/L.63/Add.1 | Items 46 and 120 — Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — 40-Power draft resolution — The Peacebuilding Fund [A C E F R S] |
| | **Sixty-first session** |
| A/61/232 | Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the sixty-first session — Requests for observer status in the General Assembly — Letter dated 8 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/265-S/2006/658 | Item 70 of the provisional agenda — Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/269 | Item 54 (e) of the provisional agenda — Globalization and interdependence — Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/274 | Item 121 of the provisional agenda — Human resources management — Activities of the Ethics Office — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/290 | Item 116 of the provisional agenda — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Information and communication technology security, business continuity and disaster recovery — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/294-S/2006/694 | Item 13 of the provisional agenda — The situation in the Middle East — Letter dated 25 August 2006 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/303 | Items 60 and 62 of the provisional agenda — Advancement of women — Promotion and protection of the rights of children — Letter dated 29 August 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/320 | Items 7 and 119 of the provisional agenda — Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee — Pattern of conferences — Letter dated 6 September 2006 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S] |

| Security Council | Documents |
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| A/61/265–S/2006/658 | Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| A/61/294–S/2006/694 | Letter dated 25 August 2006 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| S/2006/719 | Letter dated 6 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] |
| S/2006/720 | Letter dated 7 September 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| S/2006/725 | Letter dated 11 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] |
| S/Agenda/5520 | Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] |

**Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

| | Documents |
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| | **Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women Pre-session working group Thirty-seventh session** |
| CEDAW/C/AUT/Q/6 | List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of the sixth periodic report — Austria [A C E F R S] |
| CEDAW/C/NIC/Q/6 | List of issues and questions with regard to the consideration of periodic reports — Nicaragua [A C E F R S] |

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund**

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| | **Second regular session 2006** |
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| DP/2006/45 | Item 5 of the provisional agenda — United Nations Office for Project Services — Progress report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNOPS [A C E F R S] |
| DP/FPA/DCP/TZA/6 | Item 11 of the provisional agenda — Country programmes and related matters — United Nations Population Fund — Draft country programme document for the United Republic of Tanzania [E F S (only)] |

**Secretariat**

ST/IC/2006/35 Information circular — Arrangements for admission to the premises at United Nations Headquarters during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly [E]

**Communications to the Editor**

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